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The Sultan is not so much interested in the peace of Europe as he is in the pieces of Turkey.

A month is not long, but it affords one anarchist plenty of time to realize the full majesty of the law in this republic.

The American boat has won the race and the cup stays on this side of the Atlantic. Now we can sing "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean."

There is something wrong about the Republican prosperity that makes potatoes worth \$1.50 a bushel and fails to furnish a large crop of potatoes.

The difference between proclamation and performance is shown by the news from South Africa. While Kitchener is proclaiming the Boers are performing.

By a queer coincidence the state that profits most from the business of chartering trusts, combines and monopolies also harbors the worst gang of anarchists in the republic.

Just as long as American naval officers exhibit the kind of "cowardice" and "catiff flight" exhibited by Schley at Santiago there is no immediate danger of any foreign navy bombarding our coast.

A reciprocity which will destroy the breastworks which protect the arrogant trusts that have so long posed as infant industries, is a species of tariff reform that will be acceptable to the American people.

There has been a gratifying response to the suggestion that the readers of **THE COMMONER** interest themselves in securing new subscribers, but the roll is not yet complete. Now is the time to subscribe.

This is the season of year when recipes for preserving plums occupy considerable space in the newspapers. The grand old plum preserver, Mathew Stanley Quay, has yet to write his recipe, but he is acknowledged to be expert at the business

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The best monument that can be erected to the memory of William McKinley will be American homes as full of love and tenderness as the home at Canton was before the assassin's bullet was fired.

The Darlington (Wis.) Democrat reports that the little girl who made her way alone from the old country reached her home and her parents in safety. **THE COMMONER** in a recent issue referred to her long journey, and it is gratifying to report its safe termination.

Seth Low has been nominated for Mayor of New York City by the Republicans and Independents. Bird S. Coler and John Dewitt Warner were discussed but the Independents preferred a Republican to a Democrat. The Democratic convention nominated Edward M. Sheppard.

Some gentlemen calling themselves Democrats who denounced the fusion of Democrats and Populists in Nebraska are working for fusion between Democrats and anti-machine republicans in Philadelphia. Mention is made of it at this time for the purpose of calling attention to the truth of the old adage that "it makes a difference whose ox is gored."

The New York Journal is now paying its respects to a few "esteemed contemporaries," and as a result the aforesaid contemporaries are taking to the woods. The trouble with most of the newspapers that seek to make political capital out of the presidential assassination is that they neglected to collect and destroy all their files and back numbers.

Hon. Lee Merriwether of St. Louis, whose name has been associated with the new party organized at Kansas City recently, denies that he had anything to do with it, and says that as long as the Democratic party remains true to the doctrines embodied in the Chicago and Kansas City platforms it would be absurd for Democrats to seek new political affiliations.

The Massachusetts Democracy endorsed Democratic principles "as enunciated in the last national platform" and nominated Hon. Josiah Quincy for Governor. The candidate has been counted among the Gold Democrats, but gave active support to the ticket in 1900 and notified the Gold Democrats of his state that the Democracy of the nation would not go back to its political attitude of a decade ago.

The Nebraska anti-trust law has been declared unconstitutional. It was held that exemption of labor unions from its provisions invalidated it. To be sure! When federal courts imprison men for daring to ask other men not to cut wages and refuse to imprison men for asking other men not to cut prices, it is to be expected that all anti-trust measures will be declared unconstitutional.

It will be remembered that the Democratic State committee of Ohio suggested to the Republican State committee that the opening of the campaign be postponed on account of the

attack on President McKinley. The Republican committee declined to accede to the suggestion and took occasion to deliver a cheap political discourse, but the Republican committee has finally yielded and the opening of the campaign has been postponed until October 19.

There being no congressional or national campaign on the Chicago Tribune is again an anti-high protective tariff organ. The Tribune is afflicted with this sort of thing. When the real test comes the Tribune will have recovered, thanks to the kind ministrations of the affable specialists employed by the tariff barons to attend to such cases.

Liquor affects different persons in different ways. It makes the thoughtful more serious and the kind hearted more generous; it also makes the malignant more ferocious and the foolish idiotic. Excitement has something of the same effect, and it is difficult to say whether the editor of the Kansas City Journal belongs to the third or the fourth class.

A reader of **THE COMMONER** suggests that civilization should be measured by "the proficiency of any race in the art of dissipating energy from the earth." While man's mastery over nature is an important element in civilization, the moral element is of even greater importance. A telescope which brings the stars closer to the earth, a telephone which brings distant friends near, and a steam engine which facilitates travel—all these are important. But more important still are a brotherly love which will bring people nearer together in sentiment and in sympathy, and a spirit of justice which will pervade all human action.

A reader inquires why republican papers rejoice over the action of any democratic convention that repudiates the Kansas City platform? Simply because the republicans know that while the party stands by the Kansas City platform it stands by democratic principles and menaces the interests of those who have been converting the government into an instrument of private advantage. The republicans know that whenever the democratic party is induced to abandon its principles, it will cease to represent a strong and aggressive opposition to republican policies.

Commander L. C. Heilner of the United States navy seems to be the prize witness so far produced in the Schley-Sampson investigation. He was one of the seven officers who prepared a map showing the position of the ships at the Santiago battle and as one of the signers of the report said: "It is as clearly correct as is possible so long after the engagement." After having nearly three years to forget what he then remembered he declares the document worthless and proceeds to dispute the facts therein stated. Of what value will be the finding of the commission if it is based upon such testimony? The investigation reveals a deplorable situation in the navy department—a situation that ought to be corrected for the benefit of the navy department as well as for the benefit of the country.